

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
March 8, 2005**

The Annual Meeting of the Township of Castle Rock was convened at the Town Hall at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Present were Elaine Wikstrom, Mark Wagenknecht, Joe May, Bill Neil, Eileen Anderson, Mark Henry, Harold Eide, Jonathon Kuhn, Norbert Kuhn, Allen Hoffman, Marilyn Hoffman, Paul Hoffman, John Day, Bill May, Kenneth Betzold, Jim Ozmun, Randy Becker, Roger Randall, Mike Rademacher, Russ Zellmer, Arlyn Lamb, David Mumm, Ken Schentzel, Lloyd Stevens, Paul Irrthum and Maralee Rother.

Maralee Rother, Clerk, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk called for nominations for a moderator. **Mark Wagenknecht made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded to nominate John Day. Bill May was nominated but declined. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried for John Day as moderator.**

The moderator asked for approval of the agenda. Interest rates were added under new business.

The minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting were read. **Russ Zellmer made a motion and Randy Becker seconded to approve the minutes of 2004 as written and read. Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Roger Randall gave a report for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Township's total income was \$387,727.16, and the total expenses were \$315,905.79, leaving a balance of \$71,821.37. The general report is listed on pages nine and ten in the annual packet. On pages eleven, twelve and thirteen of the annual packet is the details of the income and expenses. **Bill May made a motion and Mark Wagenknecht seconded to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.**

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Betzold, Chair of the Road Committee, gave a report of the road committee's suggestions and roadwork done in the township the past year. A detailed report is on page four of the 2004 Annual Report.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Maralee Rother gave a report for the Communications Committee. The Communication Committee compiles and publishes the Castle Rock Chronicle. A full report of members and their duties can be found on page six of the 2004 Annual Report.

PARKS REPORT

Arlyn Lamb, Chair of the Parks Committee gave a report on the activities of the parks for 2004 and also plans for 2005. A full report is on page seven of the 2004 Annual Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Maralee Rother, Secretary of the Planning Commission, reported on the activities of the Planning Commission Board. All special meetings are listed on page eight of the 2004 Annual Report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Randy Becker, Chair of the Board of Supervisors gave a report of issues being approved by the board this past year. A full report is on page two of the 2004 Annual Report.

CLERK REPORT

Maralee Rother, Clerk gave a report regarding Township activities. The Township is on the net and the Website is in the process of being developed and the Township does have email – the address is castlerocktnshp@frontiernet.net. A complete report can be found on page three of the 2004 Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a straw vote taken at the 2003 Annual Meeting regarding clustering, but no action was taken on the subject this past year.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations were discussed. In the past, donations were given to Rambling River Senior Center, CEEF and Randolph Area Historical Group for a total of \$1,150.00. **Elaine Wikstrom made a motion and Ken Betzold seconded to make a line item of \$1,200.00 in the budget for donations. Norbert Kuhn made a motion and Jon Kuhn seconded to amend the motion to allow the donations if it is legal for the Township to donate. The motion was passed as amended.**

LAND ACQUISITION FOR TOWN HALL

Roger Randall presented an illustration of possibly acquiring some land surrounding the Town Hall. **Bill May made a motion and David Mumm seconded to select Option C (see attached copy) with the Board's authority of flexibility with the landowner to make a decision for purchase. David Mumm made a motion and Bill May seconded to amend the motion to give the Board authority to negotiate for property up to 125% of what was paid for the land per acre and to acquire no more than two acres. Motion carried as amended.**

NEIGHBOR WATCH

It is the consensus of the group to have a meeting with the Sheriff and Joe Harris and discuss the status of protection in the Township.

INTEREST RATES

Discussion was held regarding the interest rates of the CD's the Township has. It is up to the board to put the monies in better rates. The feeling is to stay at the local banks.

ANNEXATION

Annexation was discussed. **Ken Betzold made a motion and David Mumm seconded that the Township appoint a task force committee to see if the Township wants to change the exploring of zoning and to keep the Township. Motion carried.**

Volunteers for a position on the task force committee were Ken Betzold, Mark Henry, Norbert Kuhn, Paul Irrthum, Mark Wagenknecht and David Mumm.

PROPOSED LEVY CHANGE

Elaine Wikstrom made a motion and Ken Betzold seconded to change the proposed levy of gravel and crushing to \$46,000.00 from \$40,000.00 as proposed. Motion carried.

2005 BUDGET AND LEVY

Roger Randall, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed budget and levy for 2005, which was on page fourteen. **Jim Ozmun made a motion and Joe May seconded to accept the \$250,000.00 levy. Motion carried.**

ELECTION RESULTS

SUPERVISOR C – THREE YEAR TERM

Mike Rademacher	88
Jim Ozmun (write in)	11
Leonard Schrader (write in)	1
Tom Harris (write in)	1

TREASURER – TWO YEAR TERM

Roger Randall	88
Pat Tinsley (write in)	1
Blank Ballots	1

Town Question Ballot: “Shall Castle Rock Township authorize Dakota County to issue licenses for Sunday sales (on-sale) of intoxicating liquor in Castle Rock Township?”

For	75
Against	33

Results are unofficial until after the Board of Canvass report.

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Roger Randall made a motion and Maralee Rother seconded to hold the 2006 Annual Township Meeting on the second Tuesday of March at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Roger Randall made a motion and Ken Betzold seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maralee Rother, Clerk